# **Senate District I Senator**

## Löki G. Tobin, Registered Democrat



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**AGE:** 38

PLACE OF BIRTH: Nome, Alaska

SPOUSE'S NAME: Walker Gusse

OCCUPATION: Student

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 38** 

### **ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**

Nome 1983-1985, Kodiak 1988-1990, Juneau 1990-1994, Nome 1994-2001, Anchorage 2001-2007, Nome 2007-2008, Nome 2012-2013, Anchorage 2013-present

#### **EDUCATION:**

Nome Beltz High School, 2001 UAA, Dual Bachelor of Arts, Psychology & Sociology, 2005

Certificate in Nonprofit Management, UAF, 2015 UAF, Master of Arts, Rural Development, 2011

#### **POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

U.S. Senate Page, 2000. U.S. Peace Corps, Youth Development Volunteer, 2008-2011. Alaska State Legislature, Legislative Aide, 2019-2022.

#### **BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

Marketing & Volunteer Coordinator, Boys & Girls Clubs Alaska. Lifeguard, MOA. Resident Advisor, UAA Adjunct Faculty, UAF. Consultant, Kawerak. Director of Communications & Donor Relations, The Alaska Community Foundation. Annual Giving Manager, Anchorage Museum.

#### SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:

Association of Fundraising Professionals, Story Works Alaska, Girl Scouts of Alaska, Anchorage Concert Association, Pride Foundation

#### **SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Local food blogging, bicycling, community volunteering

#### OTHER:

My passion for doing good in the world stems from the love and support given to me and my family by the community of Nome.

#### STATEMENT:

As a young community advocate, I learned early the importance of community engagement, helping others in need, and providing tools for the next generation to succeed. After high school, I moved from Nome to Anchorage to attend UAA. My time at UAA was profound as I served four years as the Concert Board Chair and helped establish the recycling club. Later I pursued a master's degree through the Peace Corps Master's International Program at UAF, serving in Azerbaijan while writing my master's thesis.

After 20 years advocating for Alaskans' nonprofits, I joined Senator Tom Begich's legislative office as Policy Director. During my time in Juneau, I successfully carried several pieces of legislation, including expanding universal, voluntary pre-K across Alaska, protecting renters and homeowners from predatory insurance practices, and recognizing the resiliency and continued saliency of the Alaska constitution. My priorities include Alaskans' right to privacy, equity and inclusion, voting rights, renewable energy, fair wages, public health, affordable housing, public education, fiscal stability, public safety, and growing local leaders. My background advocating for community and my ability to successfully carry transformational policy through the legislative process proves I'm ready and prepared to work hard for Alaskans starting on Day 1. I would be honored by your vote to serve as the State Senator for downtown Anchorage, Fairview, South Addition, North Star, Eastridge, Government Hill, JBER, Tikahtnu, and Northeast Muldoon.

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